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Approved for introduction by a majority of the Legislative Council pursuant to Joint Rule 26. Reference to the Committee on Housing and Economic Development suggested and ordered printed.

JOY J. O'BRIEN Secretary of the Senate

Presented by President PRAY of Penobscot Cosponsored by Senator CLARK of Cumberland and Senator FOSTER of Hancock.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY-TWO

An Act to Encourage Private Sector Investment in Tourism.

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Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

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Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §13065, sub-§3 is enacted to read:

3. Contract; nonprofit organization. Notwithstanding the
rules governing the competitive bid process as authorized in
Title 5, subchapter I-A or any rules adopted under that
subchapter, the Commissioner of Economic and Community
Development may execute a sole source contract to perform certain
tourism services required by the State and the tourism industry
with a nonprofit membership organization that represents
statewide tourism interests and commits to fund at least 25% of that contract.

The commissioner shall report to the chairs of the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over housing and economic development matters within 14 days as to the execution of the contract and on a semiannual basis report to the committee as to the performance of the contract.

STATEMENT OF FACT

This bill gives the Department of Economic and Community Development the authority to negotiate a contract with a nonprofit organization to fulfill certain tourism services. It acknowledges the existing commitment of the tourism industry to contribute toward the provision of tourism services and requires the organization receiving this contract to support at least 25% of the cost of the services provided.

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